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SUBJECT: HIGH LEVEL ATTENDANCE AT 33RD UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
-- SURINAME

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1. DIRECTOR FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS HEINEMANN INFORMED EMBASSY ON SEPTEMBER 12 THAT PRIME MINISTER (AND FOREIGN MINISTER) HENCK ARRON'S TRAVEL PLANS REMAIN AS STATED IN REFTEL C, I.E. THAT HE WILL TRAVEL TO NEW YORK TO ADDRESS THE UNGA ON OCTOBER 5, AND THEN VISIT WASHINGTON DURING THE OCTOBER 6-10 PERIOD. WASHINGTON VISIT WILL INCLUDE MEETINGS WITH THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, PRESUMABLY IN CONNECTION WITH SURINAME'S BECOMING A MEMBER. TENTATIVE PLANS ARE FOR ARRON AND HIS PARTY TO LEAVE PARAMARIBO ON OCTOBER 1 AND STOP OVER FOR TWO DAYS IN THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES, WHERE ARRON WILL HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND OTHER OFFICIALS. ARRON AND HIS PARTY WILL THEN PROCEED TO NEW YORK ON OCTOBER 3. (FLIGHT NUMBERS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE; EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN FLIGHT NUMBERS
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AND PORT OF ENTRY SO THAT DEPARTMENT CAN ARRANGE CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION COURTESIES.) THESE PLANS COULD CHANGE IF THERE IS AN OAS MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS DURING THE ABOVE TIME FRAME.

2. ARRON'S OFFICIAL PARTY WILL INCLUDE: DERYCK HEINEMANN, DIRECTOR FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AND

GENERAL AFFAIRS; GEORG HERING, CHIEF OF THE GOVERNMENT PRESS SERVICE; EWALD KARAMAT ALI, LAWYER AND GOVERNMENT ADVISER (BROTHER OF AMBASSADOR TO THE US ROEL KARAMAT); AND ROSEMARY CURRIE, SECRETARY. HEINEMANN ALSO INDICATED THAT A GROUP OF PARLIAMENTARIANS WILL ALSO BE TRAVELING TO THE UNGA, BUT THAT THEY WILL NOT TRAVEL WITH ARRON. HE HAD NO DETAILS ON THE PARLIAMENTARY GROUP YET.

3. EMBASSY CONTINUES TO BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR A HIGH USG OFFICIAL TO HAVE A BRIEF MEETING WITH ARRON, EITHER IN NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON. THERE ARE NO IMPORTANT BILATERAL ISSUES BETWEEN SURINAME AND THE US, BUT WE SHOULD MAKE AN EFFORT TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR THIS SMALL DEMOCRACY WITH AN EXCELLENT RECORD ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND ARMS CONTROL, WHICH IS OFTEN ALIGNED WITH US IN THE OAS AND UN. SINCE ARRON MET WITH SECRETARY VANCE IN WASHINGTON LAST YEAR, EMBASSY BELIEVES ARRON WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY VAKY ON THIS TRIP. THERE MAY BE SOME FLEXIBILITY IN HIS SCHEDKLE IF A MEETING IS OFFERED.

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